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From: Stohs, Sheryl

Sent: Monday, September 14, 2015 3:18 PM

To: Lisa Arkin

Cc: Schulze, Chad; Yackulic, Ted; McFadden, Kelly; Villa, Clifford

**Subject:** RE: "Fairness for the Land and the Worker:" 2015 Oregon Environmental Justice Task

Force Meeting

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Hello Lisa,

Thank you for the invitation. This is exciting news! I will see what we can do for attendance.

By the way. Cliff Villa is no longer with EPA. He has taken a position to carry on EJ and the law in New Mexico. Our loss, but so wonderful that he will be carrying the EJ torch.

Regards, Sheryl

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"When you've had some success, it's not enough to just kick back and enjoy it. You've got to reach back and pull someone else up too." Michelle Obama

From: Lisa Arkin [mailto:larkin@beyondtoxics.org] Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 10:41 AM

To: Stohs, Sheryl

Cc: Schulze, Chad; Yackulic, Ted; McFadden, Kelly; Villa, Clifford

Subject: "Fairness for the Land and the Worker:" 2015 Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting

Importance: High

Hi Sheryl, Cliff, Ted, Kelly and Chad:

I am writing to invite you, as representatives of Region 10 EPA, to an important environmental justice event in Medford organized by Beyond Toxics. This event is relevant to your work in environmental justice and pesticide exposures.

You are invited to attend <u>"Fairness for the Land and the Worker:" 2015 Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force Meeting</u>. This statewide meeting of the Governor's Oregon Environmental Task Force is being hosted by five environment and social justice groups. It is the first meeting of the Task Force to take place in an impacted community.

Date: Friday, September 25, 2015. 10:00am -- 4:00pm (lunch provided)

Location: Medford Public Library, 205 S Central Ave. Medford

Bilingual – Everyone is Welcome (Spanish language headsets available)

### Schedule:

10:00-11:30 - Environmental Justice Task Force business and agency updates

11:30-12:30 - Expert Panel "What does Environmental Justice Look Like in Southern Oregon?"

12:30-1:30 - LUNCH BREAK

1:30-2:00 - Oregon Law Center: Research on current state of migrant workers in Oregon

2:00-3:30 - Public Testimony: Tell your environmental justice story to the Task Force

3:30-4:00 - Response and wrap-up from Task Force members

Transportation: Free Buses will depart from Salem and Eugene areas. Reservation Required. Email – <u>jiboa@beyondtoxics.org</u>

**WHO:** A coalition of five Oregon-based environmental justice organizations – Beyond Toxics, PCUN, Unete, Oregon Action and NW Forest Worker Center – <u>are hosting the September 25th meeting of the Oregon Environmental Justice Task Force</u>.

WHAT: The Environmental Justice Task Force was created by Governor Kitzhaber and the Legislature to help protect Oregonians from disproportionate environmental impacts on minority and low-income populations. The legislation that created the EJTF requires state agencies to give communities of color and low-income communities knowledge and access to improve decisions that affect environment and the health of all Oregonians.

**WHY:** This Environmental Justice Gathering is a landmark event for Oregon. Harsh working conditions and exposure to toxic chemicals is a serious concern in Oregon. Workers, minority residents and rural communities have the greatest burden of exposure and harm.

## TAKE ACTION:

• Please send a representative from your organization to the September 25th Environmental Justice Gathering in Medford. INVITE OTHERS TO ATTEND!

#### LOGISTICS:

For more information, contact Joel Iboa, Beyond Toxics Environmental Justice Community Outreach Manager.

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# Please let us know if you can attend!

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